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Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review – Streamlined Contributor Reporting Requirements Associated with Administration of Telecommunications Relay Service, North American Numbering Plan, Local Number Portability, and Universal Service Support Mechanisms, CC Docket 98-171; Telecommunications Services for Individuals with Hearing Speech Disabilities and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, CC Docket No. 90-571; Administration of the North American Numbering Plan and North American Numbering Plan Cost Recovery Contribution Factor and Fund Size, CC Docket No. 92-237, NSD File No. L-00-72; Number Resource Optimization, CC Docket No. 99-200; and Telephone Number Portability, CC Docket No. 95-116.

Dear Ms. Salas;

Yesterday, Colleen Boothby (Ad Hoc Telecommunications Users Committee), Brian Moir (e-commerce Telecommunications Users Group), Mary Brown (WorldCom), and I met with Kyle D. Dixon, Legal Advisor to Chairman Michael K. Powell. We discussed the Coalition proposal filed in the above referenced proceedings that seeks to replace the current USF assessment mechanism with a flat-rated, per line charge. The Coalition urged the adoption of its proposal and immediate Commission action. The comments and statements of the Coalition were consistent with its previous ex parte discussions.

Consistent with the Commission rules, I am filing one electronic copy of this notice and request that you place it in the record of the proceedings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick H. Merrick".

cc: Kyle Dixon
Colleen Boothby

Mary Brown
Brian Moir